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1. JAN 18 ETHIOPIAN HERALD (GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED)  
CARRIED PAGE 2 ARTICLE BY "STAFF WRITER" TITLED,  
"CARTER'S DIPLOMATIC BANKRUPTCY," WHICH STINGINGLY  
CRITICIZES PRESIDENT'S POLICIES. FOLLOWING  
ARE SALIENT EXCERPTS:

BEGIN TEXT

A LOT OF PROPAGANDA WORK HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT BY THE WESTERN MASS MEDIA AND THAT OF THE US ESPECIALLY CONCERNING PEACE INITIATIVES UNDERTAKEN BY THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION. TO SUBSTANTIATE PROPAGANDA OFFENSIVE, PRESIDENT CARTER HIMSELF HAS BEEN CRISS-CROSSING WORLD IN RECENT MONTHS. THIS APPARENT CONCERN OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION FOR WORLD PEACE IS AN ATTEMPT TO CHANGE THE AMERICAN IMAGE IN THE AFTERMATH OF VIETNAM WAR.

CARTER IS ADHERING TO THE WELL KNOWN OLD POLICIES FOR WHICH THE US HAS BEEN NOTORIOUS. AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY, DESPITE ITS CLAIM OF PROCCUPATION FOR SAFEGUARDING HUMAN RIGHTS, REMAINS BASICALLY REACTIONARY AND ANTI-PEOPLE.

THIS STAND OF THE US GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN MADE CLEAR BY MR. CARTER HIMSELF DURING HIS TRIPS ABORAD AND WHENEVER HE GAVE PRESS STATEMENTS AT HOME CONCERNING THE WORLD'S KEY PROBLEMS.

HIS REACTIONARY STAND WITH REGARD TO FRENCH PARLIMAMENTARY ELECTIONS HAS ANGERED, QUITE LEGITIMATELY, POLITICAL LEADERS IN THAT COUNTRY.  
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THIS OPEN INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF ANOTHER STATE BY MR. CARTER, HAS BEEN AUGMENTED LATER BY A WARNING FROM HIS STATE DEPARTMENT AGAINST COMMUNIST PARTICIPATION IN WESTERN EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS. THE FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY DESCRIBED THE US INTEREFERENCE AS NOT ONLY INADMISSABLE BUT SCHANDALOUS.

THE SELF-APPOINTED DEFENDER OF HUMAN RIGHTS, DELIBERATELY FORGETS HIS PRINCIPLES WHEN IT COMES TO THE QUESTION OF THE RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS OR FOR THAT MATTER THE RIGHTS OF NON-WHITES IN HIS OWN COUNTRY. MR. CARTER'S PRINCIPLES ARE TO ADVOCATE THE GRANTING OF HUMAN RIGHTS FOR SOME AND TO DENY THEM FOR OTHER OUTRIGHTLY. THIS NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THE AGE-OLD DISCRIMINATION OF ALL SORTS PRACTICED IN THIS COUNTRY.

NOTE BY OC/T: SECTION 2 SERVICED; TO FOLLOW.

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JIMMY CARTER'S POLICY TOWARDS AFRICA IS NOT LESS  
DANGEROUS. HE HAS PROMISED NOT TO ARM EITHER SIDE  
IN THE WAR IN THE HORN OF AFRICA AND HAS SUGGESTED  
THAT NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE HELD WHILE TROOPS OF  
THE REACTIONARY MOGADISHO REGIME ARE IN ETHIOPIAN  
TERRITORY. THIS IS AS GOOD AS RECOGNIZING THE  
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CONSEQUENCES OF MOGADISHO'S AGGRESSION. THE SAID BARRE  
RULING CLIQUE HAS ALREADY ADMITTED THAT IT LAUNCHED  
THE WAR OF AGGRESSION AFTER IT RECEIVE THE GREEN

LIGHT FROM THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION.

CARTER'S CLAIM THAT HIS ADMINISTRATION WILL NOT ARM  
EITHER SIDE IS MERELY TRYING TO DECEIVE WORLD OPINION.  
HOW CAN HE GUARANTEE THAT AMERICAN WEAPONS WILL NOT  
BE SHIPPED TO MOGADISHO FROM SAUDI ARABIA AND IRAN?  
IT IS IMMATERIAL WHETHER THE ARMAMENTS ARE SHIPPED  
DIRECTLY FROM WASHINGTON OR VIA SAUDI ARABIA OR IRAN.

CARTER'S POLICY HAS BEEN CLEARLY ANTI-ETHIOPIAN.  
HE CANNOT EVADE BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH OF  
INNOCENT PEOPLE IN THE WAR OF AGGRESSION BEING  
CARRIED OUT BY THE RENEGADE SIAD BARRE CLIQUE, IF HE  
CONTINUES TO ENCOURAGE SIAD BARRE TO INTENSIFY HIS  
WAR OF AGGRESSION AGAINST ETHIOPIA. IF CARTER'S  
GESTURES FOR PEACE IN THE AREA WERE GENUINE, HE COULD  
HAVE PERSUADED THE SIAD BARE RULING CLIQUE TO  
WITHDRAW ITS TROOPS FROM ETHIOPIAN TERRITORY.

ALL THIS PROPAGANDA OFFENSIVE BY THE CARTER  
ADMINISTRATION IS A FUTILE ATTEMPT TO COVER-UP THE  
REAL NATURE OF IMPERIALISM. CURRENTLY INTERNATIONAL  
IMPERIALISM LED BY THE US IS PREPETRATING ITS  
ANTI-PEOPLE ACTIVITIES IN THE HORN OF AFRICA. AS  
FAR AS THE PAST IS CONCERNED, IT IS NOT IN MR. CARTER'S  
POWER TO COVER IT UP. THE WORLD CANNOT FORGET AMERICAN  
ATROCITIES COMMITTED IN SOUTH EAST ASIA. HENCE, CARTER'S  
COVER-UP ATTEMPTS ARE FUTILE.

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2. COMMENT: ARTICLE FOLLOWS PRO-SOVIET LINE UNABASHEDLY  
AND ACCURATELY REFLECTS VIEWS OF AT LEAST SOME  
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION MEMBERS WHO HIGHLY CRITICAL  
OF US AND UNDOUBTEDLY SOME MEMBERS OF DIRG.  
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